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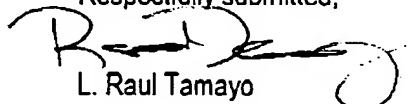
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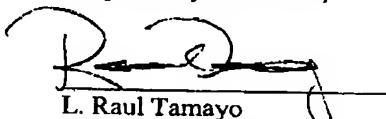
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In response to the Office Action mailed September 30, 2005, containing restriction and election of species requirements, Applicants elect Group I, Claims 9-26 and 35-38, drawn to a magnetic recording medium, and Species II (a primer layer containing ruthenium (Ru)). From Group I, Claims 18-26 and 37-38 read on Species II. The elections are made without traverse.

Applicants reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to any of the non-elected subject matter.

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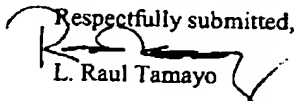
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